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HANDSOME GIFTS.

A Boston paper calls attention to the fact that the gift of \$5,060,000 which AN-DREW CARNEGIE tendered for the benefit of the employees of the CARNEGIE Com pany as being not only incomparably the most magnificent gitt ever made by the multi millionaire steel magnate, and as pro bably the greatest single act of pecuniary beneficence ever performed by one man at any time in any part of the world.

Coming, as this latest and greatest of

complaints of excessive taxation, and discontent with the burdens imposed by the Triple Alliance, all had their share in bringing on the crisis.

fore this curious coalition. Socialism,

The first two causes operated in Spain also to produce the riotous demonstrations which attended the marriage of the king's sister. To them were added a hatred of the Jesuit and other orders as representing accumulated property and political influence, and a cordial dislike of the Dake of Caserta, the prince's father.

The simultaneous occurrence of these crises is suggestive. Hasty generalizations are unsate. It would be as unjust to argue from these crises that parliamentary institutions are a failure as it would be to suppose that the municipal governments in the United States has failed because some city governments are corrupt. But it is clear that something more than a declaration of rights is essential to fit a peo. ple for self government. There is need of intelligence, stability, loyalty, respect for law, and self-restraint.

Aldermen ars Fcarce.

To be an alderman in Fredericton does not seem to be a very popular thing that is judging from election. This year all the board with one exception was returned by acclamation, showing that there are not many who desire the honorable position. But not only this, one of those elected refused to be sworn in and one of the wards is minus an alderman. The ward will no doubt be able to get someone to fill in the gap, but it may not be very easy. If there is boodle in being a city father, Frederictonians evidently want none of it. They are either so rich or so uncorruptible that

Trinidad's Pitch Lake.

aldermen are scarce.

The most interesting place in Trinidad, the largest of the group of Windward Islands, or Lesser Antilles, is the famous Pitch Lake, from which comes a large part of the world's supply of asphaltum. It covers ninety-nine acres, and contains millions of tons of pitch, which never grows less in amount. Mr. W. E. Curtis, in his book on Venezuela, thus describes this famous lake, the subject of so much interest just at present : In the neighborhood of this Stygian pool the air is heavy with sickening odors, and the surrounding country is covered with its overflow, so that the earth is as hard as the pavements of Washington; but neither the steam and fumes that arise from the pitch roasting in the sun, nor the asphaltum in the soil seem to injure vegetation. Flowers and fuit actually grow in the midst of them, and pine apples are there brought to the greatest perfection.

VERSES OF YESTERDAY AND TODAY

The Song of the Drums. We are naught but a little brass kettle. With a tight little cover at top-Just a circle of sheepskin and metal And a pair of quick drumsticks a hop-And we make quite the poorest of music, Just a rhythmical rattle and hum: Yet there's never a slave

In the heart of the brave But resounds to the beat of the drum. There's a witchcraft concealed in our hollow; There's a mystery hid in our round; For we best and men cannot but follow, Keeping time with their feet on the ground.

With a dream and a glamour of glory-Like a wave of the ocean it comes-As we sing and we say, "Come sway! Come away! Follow me! Follow me!" say the drums.

We tap and we hum and we mutter; We throb to the scream of the fife; And at every dote that we utter The scarlet blood leaps int) life; We roll and we crash and we thunder. Like the roar ere the avalanche comes; And there's many a lad, So gallant and glad,

Who's been caught by the song of the drums.

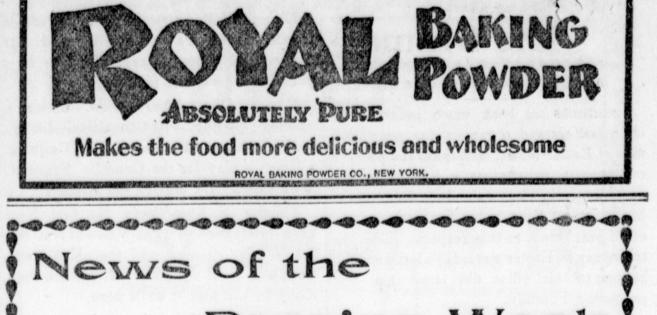
When we rattle a lively chorus To the long shining column a-wind, With the cavalry waltzing before ns, And the foot doing two step behind, As we pass through the streets of the city. Not a heart to our music but thrams, And for all the long way Not a horse in a dray But will dance to the time of the drums.

When the gams are uplimbered for action, And the men for the slaughter a-chafe, Yet the hell must sitend for a fraction, Till the drummers are stowed away safe; hough the ranks may be reeling and broken, When the charge like a thunder ciap comes; Though the road a may be red. And the officers dead,

You can run to the time of the drums. -Bertrand Shadwell.

Forgotten.

- A little year or so ago She sparkled everywhere, With shoulders bare and face aglow-The fairest of the fair; We read about her every day As having been at this or that-
- At club or tea or ball or play, Attraction centred where she sat.
- A little year or so sgo She swayed a certain set-Without her functions failed, but oh, How quickly we forget! The men who flock around her then
- Now flatter other girls, and they That read her name with envy when She swayed ne'er think of her to day.
- A preacher said some words, and lo, A maiden ceased to be ! The fair one people used to know,
- Oh where, or where is she ? Theres one who bends with loving gaze O'er something small and frail and sweet-
- I wonder if she mourns the days
 - When all the world was at her feet?



Passing Week

The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall were | persed without attempting to storm the at Gibraltar on Wednesday. jail.

Baden Pewell's Canadian troops are ex pected to sail from Halitax next Tuesday.

Gen'l Botha has refused to make peace

and the war in South Africa will continue.

Power Palmer has been appointed commander in chief of the India British forces.

McKinnon, liberal, deteated Martin, conservative by some 400 in the P. E. I. bye-election.

The Lacal Legislature and the Dominion house have been occupied most of the week debating supply.

Seven gunners were killed by the explosion of a Howitzer shell at Secunderabad, India, Tuesday.

The annual report of the Chicago police department shows 70,000 arrests and \$44-181 worth of stolen property recovered.

Thursday's London Mail says that King Edward contemplates a big exhibition in London that will outrival that of Paris.

Another big blizzard raged in Marinette Wis., Tuesday, and over a foot of snow has fallen. Trains are late and traffic gen-

Ald. McKendrick, of Fredericton, neglected to take the oath of office and thereby lost his seat.

Gen'l Harrison was buried on Sunday last. Pres. McKinley was among those who attended the last obsequies.

King Edward has sent letters of thanks, for the messages of sympathy sent by the St. John and Fredericton City Councils.

The St. John School Trustees have appointed James Coll, to fill the position vacated by the death of the late D. P. Chisholm.

Queen Square Methodist church Sunday school, St. John, celebrated its 92nd anniversary on Sunday last. The services were of unusual interest.

The British Government has decided to ask for nine million pounds for naval construction, the largest sum ever apropriated, out of which thirty-three new vessels are to be started.

The house committee on judiciary in Boston, Thursday, reported favorably on a bill making the maxium penalty for the crime of kidnapping in Massachusetts, 20 years imprisonment.

CARNEGIE's gifts does, as a memento of his retirement from active business life, it serves a double purpose. It sets an example which can be followed with immeasurable credit, to themselves as well as benefit to others, by all induscrial conquerors whose wealth rivals his. And it at fords a fitting opportunity for appreciative comment upon the donor's consistency with his often declared beliefs.

There is no need at this time for debat ing the question whether, and if at all, how far, the benevolent use of great riches can justify questionable methods in their acquisition. It is enough to say, on that bead, that ANDREW CARNEGIE has accumulated his many millions of dollars in accordance with the commonly accepted rules of business competition. Whether those rules are right or wrong is another question. He did not makes those rules, he merely used them. If he used them audaciously. relentlessly, and so skilfully that many other men doing business in the same line with himself were overthrown and driven from the field, so that their loss was his gain, he did no more and no worse than most of them would have done if they had known how and had had the chance.

So far as ANDREW CARNEGIE's astound ing success may have been owing to an industrial system which is radically wrong, because capable of being made the means of monopolies that are a menace to the public welfare, the remedy is not to rail at him, but to reform the system.

On the other hand, so far as his benevolent use of his colossal accumulations is in contrast with the selfish use which other monopolists make of their getlings, CARN-EGIES'S example deserves to be held up, heralded, lauded, and used by preachers, lay and clerical, as a sermon on the text "Go thou and do likewise."

PARLIAMEN TARY CRISES.

European politics have been recently perturbed by parliamentary crises in Aus tria, Italy and Spain.

In Austria the crisis has, in fact, become chronic. The trouble is the old one of race feuds between the Czechs and the Germans. The new Reichsrath is as unmanageable as were its predecessors. It transacts no business; its sessions are attended with wild disorder and occasional fog-horns can avail. The principle is that personal encounters between deputies. of wireless telegraphy, and the operation The emperor has threatened to suspend is automatic. From a metallic conductor the constitution and to govern without a parliament; but if he does this, he will introduce new complications, inasmuch as the tie between Austria and Hungary de. pends upon the action of the parliaments of both. In Italy the troubles of the ministry began with a strike at Genoa, and with the dissolution by the government of the board of labor of that city. The ministry tried to pursue a moderate course, but when the matter came up in parliament, those who thought that the government had gone too far joined with those who thought it had gone far enough, and the [ministry fell be-

The lake is a floating mass of asphaltum seamed by narrow channels of clear water, with a few straggling islands covered with thin, low shrubs. At the center, the fountain of all the foulness, the pitch is at boiling heat, and covered with yellow and white sulphurous foam, upon which are floating innumerable bubbles filled with loathsome gas.

The supply for shipment is chopped from the surface, where it has been hardened and dried by the evaporation of moisture; but like ice on the ponds of the frozen zones, the quality cut away during the day is always replaced during the night for some action of nature keeps forcing the unsightly substance out of the earth.

The Pitch Lake is a mystery which scientists have discussed for many years. Sir Walter Raleigh wrote the first account of it in 1595, when he landed there on his voysge in search of the El Dorado and the land of the Amazons. Humboldt gave a good deal of study to the phenomenon, and declared that the Pitch Lake is 'a constantly aggregating mass formed from the cosmical gaseous fluid'-which seems to settle it.

A Warning in the Air.

Mr. L. E. Dudley, the United States consul at Vancouver, reports that experiments are being made on the coast of British Columbia with an automatic system for warning ships of their approach to dangerous rocks and shoals when the weather is so bad that neither lights nor fixed at an elevation on or near the point of peril, electric waves are transmitted over a zone seven miles in width. Any ship provided with a proper receiving instrument, and coming within this zone, is immediat. ely warned of the proximity of danger, and the direction and distance of the concealed peril are automatically recorded.

Trouble in the Barnyard.

In the racket and rattle when the fowls and the

In the barnyard assemble for a rally, There was fun on the run 'till the setting of the sun As they drank rep-R-tee 'long 'ith sally.

'Oh, it takes six pecks to a bushel and a half,' Said the buff cochin hen to the rooster; Then the cud-chewing cow gave a lick to her calf And the mule voted neigh-like he useter.

Then the pullet picked the teeth--in the comb the hen wore.

And the hen showed a bill for collection. And the little rooster crowed like a great big crower 'Cause he toted big gaffs for protection.

Next the 'Dominicker' flew on the fence where he crew;

'Ob, be mine, all me own feather duster,' But the birdy chuckl d'No. oh, you gay feather bos Tho' I'll still toe the scratch-1: I must, sir.'

Next the call made a 'hunch' at the udder side, for lunch:

Then the maid with the rope said : 'I'll bar you With his eye on the bucket when the milk shake shuck it. He exclaimed, 'Ob, the strain'r! Won't jar you?

Then the chickens fiew high to a limb next the sky

In a tree that was tall for a reason, For an acclimat'd 'coon' couldn't climb to the moon Though the fowls he accused of high trees-on.

When the dogs don't howl it's a disappering fowl That will roost on a limb that is lower, For the chickens that snore never sneeze any more

'Caws the 'coon' picks a quarrel that's shore. Phill Glenn Byrd.

The Winds.

When sluggish lags my pulse, I plead The rigorous No. h will rouse and blow, Clearing the far horizon's blur, Starting the rune-chant of the fir, And bringing for mine earnest need The bracing tonic of the snow.

When 1 incline to dreams, and fain, With half-shut lids, would lounge and see The boughs swing languorously above To low, thrush litanies of love, And ripples goldenly the grain, The South for me ! the South for me !

When melancholy suits my mood, I long to list. 'mid lapsing leaves The misty East discourse of pain In its thin minor, and the rain With ancient sorrowing imbued, Make plaintive patter round the eaves.

And when the pilgrim zest is strong

For brackened pathways mounting high Along the hill-slopes to the crest, Then would I have the ardent West Fling me his buoyant welcome song Toss me his old ecstatic cry.

So with the veering winds that sweep Tue empyrean I am one; Feeling close kinship unto each. Scul-sympathies of spirit-speech, Blow they or shrill, or low, or deep, Across the face of God's white sun !

Love's Geography.

Wise men delight in globes and maps. They trac Each kindly wrinkle in the old eartu's face; Phrenologize on mountain peaks, and thrust States,-towns,-aside, as mere external dust.

Bot I, an humbler student, when I con Such maps, with little treckled towns thereor. Love takes my hand, and pointing, whispers clear, 'Here lives a friend, and here,-and here,-andhere

So small the dots, so cheap and pink the chara. I close my eyes. The world is in my heart But Love still points,-'O world, so strangely dear, Here lives a friend who loves me,-here,-and here!'

Her Choice.

erally is blocked.

Andrew Carnegie has been suggested for Mayor of Greoter New York by Abraham Gruber, Republican leader of 21st. Assembly district.

A mob lynched a negro woman near Nashville Tenn., because she had "refused to return" a purse of \$200 she was supposed to have found.

At a meeting of the St John safety Board it was decided to increase the force from 34 to 36 men, also that an appointment of deputy chief of Police should be made.

De Castellane was successful in his duel with the editor of the Paris Figary, the latter was slightly wounded. Handshaking succeeded the firing and again French honor was redeemed.

Assemblyman Price, Monday night introduced a bill at Albany, N. Y., to enable New York city to accept the offer of Andrew Carnegie to give \$5,200,000 for public library purposes.

Early in the week the leader of the opposition in the Canadian Parliament laid down the policy of the Conservative party accentuated in its application to the conditions now affecting the country.

Fire Monday destroyed more than half the business section of Bismarck, Mo., including ten business houses, two or three hotels and the Iron Mountain railway station. No estimate of the loss has yet been made.

Fire Monday afternoon destroyed more than half of Minocka, a rural village of 600 inhabitants ten miles east of Joliet, Ills Help was sent from Joliet, as the place is without fire apparatus, but the place was destroyed.

The subscription books for the public \$3,000,000 issue of the 7 per cent cumulative stock of the Dominion Iron & Steel were closed Monday at Montreal with the that the issue has been a result little more than three times subscribed.

A disease has appeared [in an epidemic form in a part of the mountain district in the west part of the town of Windsor, Vt., from which six deaths have occured with in a short time. The physicians sppear to have been unable to cope with the trouble, all who have been stricken having died within a week after they were taken ill.

Gen. Bruce Hamilton's force, which is sweeping over the southeast portion of Orange River colony, has reached Wepener (on the frontier of Basutoland) where the troops found heavy stocks of grain and cattle. They carried away as much as possible but had to destroy 30,000 bags of grain. The houses at Wepener were found to be intact. The 300 miners at West Pineville, formed Monday night to lynch Deputy Sheriff Frank McCoy of Middlesboro, Ky., who it is charged recently killed Vance Howard cousin of Berry Howard, indicted in the to get on a match with any of the fighters Goebel case. A strong guard was stationed around the jail and the miners finally dis-

Montreal has had another big fire, loss estimated at a quarter of a million. The wholesale druggist supply house of Leeming Miles & Co., was completely destroyed with its big stock. .

Rev. Henry Kittson, rector of the Church of the Advent, Montreal, has been appointed rector of Christ Church and dean of the dioceze of Ottawa, in succession to the late Dean Lander.

The jury in the case of Cobana against the Canadian Pacific railway awarded the plaintiff six thousand dollars. Cobana was a conductor and was killed by a train backing up on a track alongside his train. The children claimed fifteen thousand.

The prospects of peace are still considered hopeful at Pretoria. The Boer losses last month were 160 killed, 400 wounded and 1000 captured and surrendered. Owing to heavy rains, Gen. French's transport difficulties are still enormous. Gen. De Wet's commando has been broken up at Senekei, Orange River Colony.

Controller Coler called at the mayor's office in New York Saturday to confer with the mayor regarding the gift of Andrew Carnegie. The men were closeted for some time. Upon leaving the controller said: We have decided to accept the gift up to the limit. We will go to work immediately so that the city can accept the gift at once.'

A Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific passenger train bound for Fort Dodge, jumped the track Monday, about two miles north of Grand Junction, Ia. Two passenger and mail cars and the tender were overturned. These people were seriously burned. Many others were more or less injured. C R Grant superintendent of the Mason City & Fort Dodge railway was seriously hurt.

On the cabled requisition of the British under secretary of state, John Roberts, an Englishman, a passenger of the steamer Coruthian, which arrived in Halifax, Tuecday afternoon from Liverpool, was arrested and held for extradition on a charge of embezziment. The prisoner was arraigned and remanded to await the receipt of extradition payers from England. His real name is Walter Pope. The prisoner has been doing business as a commission merchant in London. Terry McGovern, featherweight champion pugilist, who is mstched to fight Oscar Gardner before the Twentieth Century Athletic club at San Francisco on April 30, said in New York Sunday that it is his intention to meet all comers as soon as he goes to the Pacific coast. He prefers Frank Erne of Buffalo or Tom Haggerty, the Australian champion, just as soon as possible after his bout with Gardner has been decided. He says he is willing to concede several pounds in weight in order

Bacon-What's the matter with our naval people, anyway? Egbert-Why so ? Why, Dewey gave his house away and now Sampson's given himself away.'

Ohairs Re-seated Cane, Splint, Perforate os, Ducal, 17 Waterleo.

It fate should bid us choose a road 'Twixt easy path and byway, When, bowed 'neath life's relentless load, We will along the highway; Should choice 'twixt path of promise gay And steeper climb be given, Oh ! I would choose the crooked way That you might tread the even !

If life were as a garden green, Where roses bloomed unbidden, With many a stealthy thorn unseen, Beneath the blossoms hidden; If lingering ere the close of day, We'd make our choice of posies, Oh ! I would pluck the thorns away, That you might wear the roses.

And life is changed with changeful lot Of mingled joy and grieving; We learn that love endureth not, Since hope is all-deceiving; But be our future what it may, 'Mid all the work or leisure, I still will smooth the cares away. While you enjoy the pleasure ! Kathleen Haydn Green.

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